

NIEHS/NTP Events

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TOXIC COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS will be held June 5–7, at the University of Utah's Foothill Housing Complex in Salt Lake City.

One of the most significant challenges facing industry today is the control of potentially toxic emissions from all types of combustion sources. The goal of the Congress is to provide an international forum for researchers and practitioners to share information, present recent developments, and discuss future steps in the formation and control of combustion by-products and the subsequent effects of exposure on human and ecological health.

The Congress will have invited lectures in the morning sessions and parallel technical sessions in the afternoon. A poster session and reception will be held on Monday afternoon, June 5. Topics will include the formation and fate of gas-phase by-products, particulate aerosols and soot; halogenated and other organics and metals; advanced diagnostics and control in combustion systems; the fate and transport of by-products when released into the environment; and the relationship between the by-products and their subsequent exposures and health effects.

NIEHS is a co-sponsor of the Congress with the School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley; Sandia National Laboratory, Livermore, California; U.S. EPA; Coalition for Responsible Waste Incineration; and Advanced Combustion Engineering Research Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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INTERNATIONAL ATSDR CONGRESS ON HAZARDOUS WASTE: IMPACT ON HUMAN AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH will be held June 5–8 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of the Congress is to promote exchange of findings and recommendations related to human and ecological effects of hazardous waste. The meeting, co-sponsored by the NIEHS, will bring together a variety of environmental health scientists, environmental engineers, clinical and public health physicians, health educators, public health administrators, industry health and safety managers, environmentalists, and the general public.

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NTP REVIEW OF TECHNICAL REPORTS ON TWO-YEAR ANIMAL STUDIES will be conducted by the National Toxicology Program's Board of Scientific Counselors Technical Report Review Subcommittee on June 20 and 21, at the conference center, building 101, NIEHS, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

The meeting will be open to the public and registration is required. Technical reports to be reviewed at the June meeting are: codein, butyl benzyl phthalate, *t*-butylhydroquinone, salicylazosulfapyridine, scopolamine, hydrobromide trihydrate, and 1,2-dihydro-2,2,4-trimethylquinoline.

The reports on butyl benzyl phthalate, *t*-butylhydroquinone; salicylazosulfapyridine, and scopolamine will, in addition to the traditional two-year study results, report findings with groups of animals tested under mild dietary restrictions. A separate report will deal with the effects of dietary restriction on the results of these collected studies and draw some conclusions about the usefulness of this approach for performing toxicity and carcinogenicity studies. Also to be reviewed at this meeting is a short-term toxicity report on 1,4-butanediol, and presentations are planned concerning the toxicological findings of a series of prechronic inhalation studies on carbon disulfide.

The next scheduled review, also open to the public, will be December 5 and 6, at NIEHS, when the subcommittee will review reports on the toxicity and carcinogenicity studies of nitromethane, tetrafluoroethylene, molybdenum trioxide, D&C Yellow no. 11, sodium xylene sulfonate, and phenolphthalein.

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RISK ASSESSMENT OF PAHS IN THE ENVIRONMENT will be held on June 26–28, at the Hyatt Regency Airport in San Francisco.

This conference on state-of-the-art data on health risk assessment of complex mixtures of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) will consider both cancer and noncancer risk assessment. The focus will be on new data relevant to hazard identification and dose–response assessment and issues relating to bioavailability of PAH mixtures in the environment.

The conference will bring together government, academic, and industry scientists involved in research and regulatory areas. The meeting is sponsored by the U.S. EPA and co-sponsored by the NIEHS, the U.S. Department of Energy, the ATSDR, the American Petroleum Institute, the National Center for Toxicological Research, the Electric Power Research Institute, the Society for Occupational and Environmental Health, and the Gas Research Institute.

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UPDATE OF REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF SUBSTANCES IN THE BIENNIAL REPORT ON CARCINOGENS will be held June 29 and 30, at the NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

This review is mandated by the Public Health Services Act (Section 301). The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors will meet to receive and review the report of the ad hoc working group, receive public comment on the report, and develop the board's recommendation concerning selection criteria. The meeting includes a public session for which registration is required.

The ad hoc working group of the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors was established to receive public comments on criteria for inclusion of substances in the report and to review and make recommendations on the criteria. This ad hoc group met in April in Washington, DC, to receive public comments and review and make recommendations on the criteria. Issues addressed were the adequacy of existing criteria for future reports and the incorporation of mechanistic data as part of the criteria.

A draft discussion and background document may be obtained from the contact listed below. Written comments must be received by June 16 to be considered at the review. Oral comments during the public session will be limited to five minutes to permit maximum participation. Written comments accompanying oral statements are encouraged.

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